

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 6-7, and 9-10 are amended, claims 13, and 16-19 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 6-12, 14, and 15 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 is amended to remove the extra “said” and it is thus submitted that claim 9 is now allowable. Claims 6-7 and 10 are amended to correct minor typographical and grammatical errors.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 13, and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Provino (U.S. 6,557,037).

Applicant has canceled claims 13, and 16-19 without prejudice and will further pursue the subject matter claimed in a continuation application.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been overcome, and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-12, 14, and 15 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant’s attorney at 408-705-2698 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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